

REMARKS

The enclosed is responsive to the Examiner's Final Office Action mailed on October 31, 2005 and is being filed pursuant to a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) as provided under 37 CFR 1.114. At the time the Examiner mailed the Office Action claims 1-57 were pending. By way of the present response the Applicants have: 1) amended independent claim 30 and 46; 2) added no new claim; 3) canceled claims 1-25 without prejudice. As such, claims 26 - 57 are now pending. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application and the allowance of all claims now presented.

Claim Rejections

In the Office Action mailed on October 31, 2005, The Examiner rejected Claims 30-41 and 46-57 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. The Applicant has amended independent claims 30 and 46 to overcome the rejection.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the Office Action mailed on October 31, 2005, The Examiner allowed claims 26-29 and 42-45. Claims 30-41 and 46-57 were also allowable if amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in the Office Action.

Accordingly, the Applicant has amended the claims 30 and 46 and respectfully submits that the claims 30-41 and 46-57 are now in the condition of allowance.

Conclusion

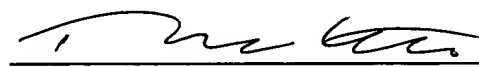
For the foregoing reasons, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly requested.

If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666. If a telephone interview would in any way expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Robert B. O'Rourke at (408) 720-8300.

Respectfully submitted,

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